

JULY 13, 2025
15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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ARE YOU NEW TO OUR PARISH?



We are delighted that you have chosen to worship with us. If you would like more information about St. Rita Church or to register, please go to our website at www.saintritawebster.org and click the "Join the Parish" link. Also, everyone is invited to sign up to receive our weekly E-Newsletter to keep up with all that is happening. On our website click on "Newsletters".

We are happy to have you with us!



Please Remember in Prayer our parishioners and those connected with our parish who have recently died, especially:

Eleanor "Ellie" Breen

Over the Jubilee Year, we will explore the themes of Hope, Pilgrimage, and Jubilee, always ending with a question for you to consider over the week.



In today's Gospel, Jesus tells us the story of the Good Samaritan. We often look at this as a story of being a good person, but it also tells us how to be a good pilgrim. When we travel the path of our faith, we will sometimes encounter other pilgrims in need. We are called to be the Good Samaritan to those individuals.

Pondering Point

When have you been a good Samaritan, either for someone in physical or other need?



NEXT WEEKEND IS DONUT SUNDAY!

After the 8am & 10:30am Masses
Stay for a donut and coffee
(or juice) after Mass



COUNT IT ALL JOY

Join us **next** Saturday, July 19th at the 5:00pm Mass to enjoy music from our "Count It All Joy" Music Ministers.

Weekend Mass Schedule:

Saturday at 5:00pm
Sunday at 8:00am & 10:30am

Daily Mass Schedule:

Mon., Tues., Fri. at 8:15am & Thurs. at 6:00pm
Communion Service on Wednesdays at 8:15am
Our 8:00am Sunday Mass is live-streamed on Facebook

MASS INTENTIONS / WEEKLY CALENDAR

INTENTIONS FOR WEEKEND MASSES JULY 12/13

FLORENCE & ARTHUR GAGLIO - By Family
 LEONARD SCHWARTZ - By Jim Wemple
 FRANK & LOUISE YAEGER - By Tom Yaeger
 GEORGE BOWEN - By Pat & Sharron Trimaldi

SATURDAY, JULY 12, 2025

1:00PM Wedding of Sofia Bosco & Rudolph Vollo - Church
 4:00PM - 4:30PM Confessions - Church
 5:00PM Mass

SUNDAY, JULY 13, 2025

8:00AM Mass
 10:30AM **CL** Mass

MONDAY, JULY 14, 2025

8:15AM Communion Service

TUESDAY, JULY 15, 2025

8:15AM Communion Service
 9:00AM Eucharistic Adoration - Church

WEDNESDAY, JULY 16, 2025

8:15AM Communion Service

THURSDAY, JULY 17, 2025

5:30PM - 6:00PM Eucharistic Adoration - Church
 6:00PM Communion Service

FRIDAY, JULY 18, 2025

8:15AM Communion Service

SATURDAY, JULY 19, 2025

4:00PM - 4:30PM Confessions - Church
 5:00PM Count It All Joy Music Ministry at Mass

SUNDAY, JULY 20, 2025 - DONUT SUNDAY! 

8:00AM Mass
 10:30AM **CL** Mass

INTENTIONS FOR WEEKEND MASSES JULY 19/20

SISTERS ARLENE SEMESKY & JOANNE DECK - By Carol Montante
 DON HOSENFELD - By Tom Yaeger
 DAVID FALVO - By Family
 MICHAEL REITANO - By Mother Jeannette

If you would like to carry up the gifts at a weekend Liturgy, please arrive at least 10 minutes before the start of Mass and let the Mass Coordinator know.



Our Tabernacle Light will burn
 from July 14 – July 20
 in loving memory of Anthony Colicchio
 by Jackie Colicchio.

LINEN CLEANING: JULY 13
 CINDY WAHL

Reflections on Readings for
Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*"If Only You Would Heed The Voice Of
The Lord, Your God"*

Our readings this Sunday focus our attention on the law of God, written in our hearts.

Jesus, who came "not to abolish the law but to fulfill it" (**Matt 5:17**), gave a whole new way of understanding the law.

Our first reading (**Deuteronomy 30:10-14**)

highlights the simplicity and purity of God's law as originally transmitted by Moses. It is not far from us, not difficult to find. "No, it is something very near to you, already in your mouths and in your hearts; you have only to carry it out."

In our Epistle reading (**Colossians 1:15-20**), St. Paul opened his letter to the Church in Colossae (in modern-day Turkey) with a majestic poem or hymn that was probably in common use in liturgies of the day. In it, Paul reminds his listeners of the primacy of Jesus, the "first born of all creation" and the "first born of the dead." It is this same God who was the giver of the Mosaic Law as it was the teller of the parable of the Good Samaritan which we hear in today's Gospel. Paul writes, "Christ Jesus is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation."

In our Gospel reading (**Luke 10:25-37**), Jesus was tested by a religious lawyer about how one merits eternal life. When questioned by Jesus, he summarized the law with quotes from the Books of Deuteronomy and Leviticus. But Jesus told him a parable that showed the true nature of God's law and mercy, which we are called to emulate. Jesus placed the Samaritan (despised by Jews) as the hero in His story, in contrast to the Jewish priest and the Levite, who were following Jewish custom and law, but not God's law of mercy and love.

The question in today's Gospel, "Who is my neighbor?" was easily answered in the Jewish tradition of Jesus' time - it was someone of one's own clan, tribe or family; certainly not an enemy. Not so, said Jesus. It is even, perhaps especially, an enemy, the outcast, the downtrodden. May our readings today cause us to reflect on the Law of God written in our hearts, our true conscience. Have we ever crossed the road, or looked the other way and passed a stranger by instead of stopping to bind his wounds? How shall we act the next time?

bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/071325.cfm

SF Sensory Friendly Mass

CL Children's Liturgy of the Word

C Count It All Joy

I Incense Used

F Family Mass

JOIN US TO CELEBRATE A
**SENSORY-FRIENDLY
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**SATURDAY JULY 26TH
 5PM**

Our 5pm Mass will be celebrated with reduced lighting and volume, soft music, freedom to move comfortably, and space for sensory breaks.

Mass will be less than 50 min.

Please feel welcome to bring sensory items for your comfort.



Questions?
 Contact Deacon
 Jim Fien at
james.fien@dor.org



Gardening Help Needed!

We are in need of garden volunteers to help with some basic weeding and summer garden maintenance around the St. Rita campus, including the Convent atrium which needs much attention.

If you could spare a few hours to help us out, please contact Tom Bayer at 585-481-1420 or email tsbayer@frontiernet.net

If you attend a different church for weekend Mass, you can place your St. Rita Church Offering Envelope in that church's collection basket/donation slot and it will be sent back to us. We do this in turn for other parishes whose parishioners are here visiting our church.



We have votive prayer candle lights located in the back of Church for you to offer special intentions. You may place your offering in the Donation slot.

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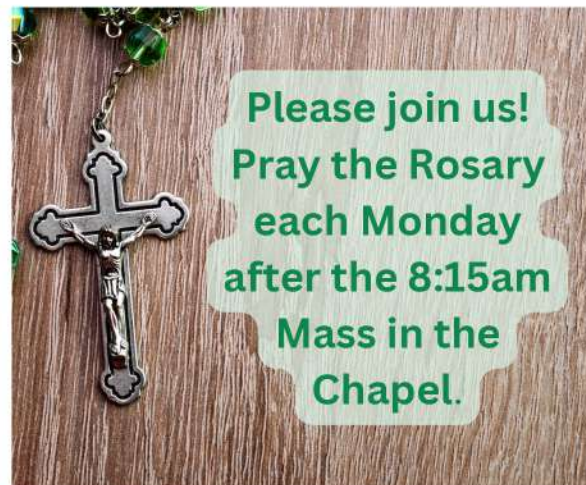
This special opportunity is offered every Sunday except on the 3rd Sunday of each month when Father Tim will preside over a Family Mass in Church.

Children's Liturgy of the Word is designed to give children in Pre-K thru Grade 2 an opportunity to hear and share about the Sunday readings at a level of their understanding. Children will be dismissed from church to Room 1 before the first reading and will return approximately at the Offertory Prayers.

**Children's weekly activity sheets are available on the
 table in the Greeting Area.
 Please feel free to pick one up for your child at Mass.**



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Thursdays 5:30-6:00pm

**Come and spend some quiet time
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**Please submit your favorite recipes for our
ST. RITA 15TH ANNIVERSARY KEEPSAKE COOKBOOK**

Cookbook categories include:

Appetizers/Beverages Soups/Salads Vegetables/Sides
Main Dishes Breads/Rolls Desserts
Cookies/Candy This & That

(This & That example would be Sauces, Coated Nuts, Flavored Popcorn etc...)

**Keepsake recipe books will be available to purchase at a later date.
Watch for more information.**

DEADLINE FOR YOUR RECIPE SUBMISSION(S) IS SEPTEMBER 15, 2025.

**Paper recipe forms can be found in the Greeting Area.
Please return completed forms in the marked box**

OR

**Submit recipes electronically at:
www.saintritawebster.org/keepsake-75th-cookbook/
or scan the QR code.**



**Editors reserve the right to select final recipes for publication.
Questions? Contact Theresa Passero at tipassero125@gmail.com**



Friday, August 15
6-8 pm



Join us first for Mass for the Feast of the Assumption at 5 pm!



Enjoy a fun game of BINGO while learning about the history of St. Rita Church. All ages welcome! \$5 per family includes pizza, drinks, and prizes. RSVP online or at the Parish Office. Pay at the door.

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programs.



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Your donations stocked our STEM station full of materials for fun science experiments. They'll be making everything from magnetic compasses to artificial snow, all with your help. Thank you!

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We have a hearing loop available for hearing aid users. It works best near the outside of the sanctuary, closest to the system wiring.



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**WALK IN PARISH OFFICE HOURS:**

Monday – Friday 9:00am – Noon

Please reach out to us with any of your needs.

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THANK YOU to all the Saint Rita parishioners who provide items and support to the outreach ministries serving those most in need in the Webster area and near downtown Rochester. These ministries are most grateful for our continued help!



Please bring donations of non-perishable items to St. Rita and place them in or near the shopping cart in our church Greeting Area whenever the church is open for Mass.

We continue to distribute items to the following:

St. Joseph's House of Hospitality
PO Box 31049, Rochester, NY 14603
<http://www.saintjoeshouse.org/blog/donate/>

Webster HOPE
1450 Ridge Rd., Webster, NY 14580
<http://www.websternyhope.org>

No opened or expired items please.

Webster HOPE Current Needs List:

Spaghetti Sauce (Jarred)
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